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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS

1. WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS (17) WILL VISIT MOSCOW FEBRUARY 23-28 AND LENINGRAD FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 3. (INTERNATIONAL ITINERARY SEPTEL.) LEADERS OF GROUP WILL BE CARL GRANT AND JOAN K. BENZIGER, DIRECTOR AND ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, RESPECTIVELY, OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS. THIS YEAR, 14 SPOUSES, (12 WIVES, 2 HUSBANDS) ARE BOOKING COORDINATED TOUR WITH INTOURIST IN ORDER TO JOIN THE FELLOWS FOR THE SOVIET LEG OF THE TRIP. BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES OF FELLOWS AIR POUCHES TO CHARGE AND CONSUL GENERAL ON JANUARY 10. LIST OF FELLOWS AND AGENCY ASSIGNMENTS WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTEL. EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT FELLOWS VISITED THE SOVIET UNION IN JUNE 1971 AND FEBRUARY 1973 AND MET WITH RELATIVELY GOOD RECEPTION FROM SOVIET OFFICIALDOM ON BOTH OCCASIONS.

2. EMBASSY WILL NOTE THAT ITINERARY SCHEDULES THREE WORKING DAYS IN MOSCOW AND ONE AND ONE-HALF DAYS IN LENINGRAD, AND ADDITIONALLY A SUNDAY IN MOSCOW AND A SATURDAY IN LENINGRAD.

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3. PRINCIPAL INTERESTS OF FELLOWS THIS YEAR INCLUDE TRADE,

ENERGY, POLITICAL ANALYSIS, SPACE, MEDICINE AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES. APPOINTMENTS ARE DESIRED IN RELEVANT GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES AT HIGHEST AVAILABLE LEVEL AND AT STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, USA INSTITUTE, MARXISM-LENINISM INSTITUTE, SPACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INSTITUTE OF NATURAL PRODUCTS, SAMASHKO INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL HYGIENE AND HEALTH PLANNING, INSTITUTE OF EXPERIMENTAL SURGERY, AND ACADEMY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES. IF FEASIBLE, SOME MEMBERS OF GROUP WOULD LIKE TO VISIT AN INDUSTRIAL PLANT AND A HOUSING PROJECT.

4. FELLOWS ALSO WISH TO DO SIGHTSEEING IN BOTH CITIES  
-- GETTING OUT INTO COUNTRYSIDE BRIEFLY AT ONE POINT  
-- AND TO ATTEND BOLSHOI, KIROV, TOUR KREMLIM AND VISIT MAJOR GALLERIES.

5. FURTHER INFORMATION ON PLANS OF SPOUSES WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.

6. EMBASSY AND CONGEN SHOULD APPOINT ESCORT OFFICERS. KISSINGER

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